

Graduated Sanctions Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2004

Attendance: Rose Hughes, Lighthouse; LeeAnn Pancharoen, Lincoln Action Program; Linda Alm, CenterPointe; Anne Hobbs, Juvenile Justice Coordinator; Michelle Schindler, Youth Assessment Center; Jacqueline Berniklau, BEST; Janet Johnson, Cedars Tracker Program; Scott Carlson, Juvenile Drug Court; and Corey Steel, Juvenile Expediter.

I. Youth in Detention -

- There are 47 youth in detention today.
- The numbers are high, due to youth waiting to get into Enhanced Treatment group homes and YRTC's. All are full.

II. Attendance in Sanctions -

- Project Hire has hit 16 youth.
- LAP – Youth Act is beginning a new cycle. They are looking at expanding Youth Build.
- Job Corps has tightened its requirements for youth that they will accept.
- Drug Court – A couple of youth graduated last week. They are adding components to make the program more goal oriented. This will provide the youth with fewer excuses for not attaining phases. In addition, Drug Court is investigating starting a Family Drug Court, focusing on single mothers with substance abuse issues.
- YAC – They are still progressing and meeting with Probation daily to work on procedures.
- BEST – They are full. Corey thanked Jackie for picking up a youth earlier than normal, due to parent not wanting the youth to be left alone at all.
- Trackers – Doing well, need more referrals, still hiring.
- ERC – Still has slots for more youth, but doing well.

III. Problems Encountered – None

IV. Priorities and Teams – Anne Hobbs reported the following:

- Team 1 – Prevention – This team is investigating a Run Response Team. YAC and Cedars are looking at youth who run, before the youth get too far into the JJ system and how to prevent this. They are also investigating working with toddlers and young children, through CASA. CASA has submitted a grant to intervene with infants and small children.
- Team 2 – Mental Health/Substance Abuse – This team is gathering data regarding the youth who fail Diversion early and what percentage of them have mental health/substance abuse issues.
- Team 3 – Minority and Gender – This team is looking into the number of youth filed on as adults, inequity and Failure to Appear warrants. It appears as if a number of female youth are not appearing in court.
- Team 4 – Data – The Juvenile Justice Data is posted on the County HHS website. This team is planning on meeting with all Crime Commission grantees to discuss data

collection and how to track data, in order to provide more uniformity through out the county.

- Team 5 – Has many sub-committees. They are working on developing a uniform intake packet for youth. In addition, the team is working with the school system and working on an Independent Living program for older youth.
- Truancy Team – They are meeting monthly. There is considerable school and community involvement in this team. They are sending out two surveys soon. One will be for adults to complete, the other for youth to complete. These surveys will have a short “turn around time”.